Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Direct support professionals, including direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals, are the primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support and services for thousands of developmentally disabled South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, A direct support professional must build a close, trusted relationship with an individual with disabilities; and,

Whereas, A direct support professional assists an individual with disabilities with the most intimate needs on a daily basis, and provides a broad range of support; and,

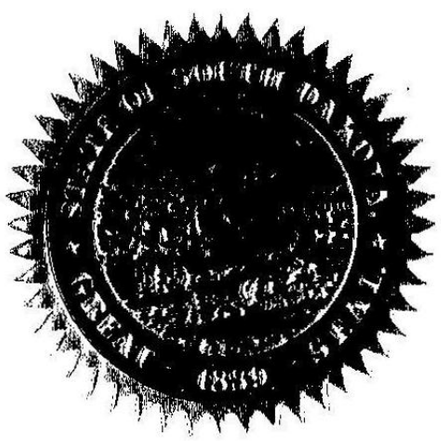
Whereas, A direct support professional provides essential support to keep an individual with disabilities connected to their family and the community, and is key to allowing an individual with disabilities to live successfully in their own community while avoiding more costly institutional care; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to honor the direct support professional workforce for the tremendous difference they make each day in the lives of thousands of South Dakotans with disabilities:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 14-19, 2009, as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in South Dakota, and I call upon the people of this state to observe this week with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies in recognition of Direct Support Professionals in their community.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State